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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/883,703	<b>Applicant(s)</b> CARROLL, CRAIG	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,8-14,16,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5, 8-14,16,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-11, 16, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray et al. (US 5,086,290) in view of Davies (US 4,924,211).

Regarding claim 1, Murray et al. disclose an identification system (figures 1-2) comprising:

a plurality of transmitters (10, col. 1, lines 28-53), each transmitter being configured to transmit only a single unique coded signal comprising a unique identification code corresponding only to the transmitter (col. 2, lines 13-16); and

at least one receiver (24, figure 2) being configured to receive only one signal whereby to establish a comparison indication based on comparison on the unique identification code with a unique reference code, wherein the receiver is programmed to respond positively to the unique identification code that matches the receiver with only one of the transmitters (claim 4). Murray et al. disclose everything claimed except for the specific use of a plurality of receivers and each of the receivers having a programmable memory for storing the unique reference code, capable of holding information regarding the location of the receiver and each receiver including a user

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interface configured to program the memory. Davies teaches a plurality of receivers (10a, 10b, 14) responding to a plurality of transmitters (12a, 12b), each receiver and transmitter having a unique programmable identification code corresponding to each other respectively (col. 5, lines 4-20), wherein the receiver comprises a programmable memory (98) for storing an unique local identification code related to the receiver (col. 5, lines 5-48) and each receiver includes a user interface (80) configured to program the memory (figure 1; col. 6, lines 40-66). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the plurality of receivers and user interface as taught by Davies in the system disclosed by Murray et al. for the purpose of enabling the system to be used with a plurality of independent users and programming an identification code in the memory to correspond to each individual user.

Regarding claims 2 and 10, Murray et al. disclose positive indication if the unique code transmitted corresponds to the code received (see abstract).

Regarding claim 3, Murray et al. disclose the system providing no output if the unique code transmitted does not correspond to the code received (see abstract).

Regarding claim 5, Murray et al. disclose the at least one receiver having a controller (34) communicating with an indicator (36, 38, 40) providing an indication based on the comparison of the unique identification code with the unique reference code stored in memory (col. 4, lines 3-28).

Regarding claims 8-9, Murray et al. disclose everything claimed except for the receivers being mounted to a fixed structure/wall. Davies teaches the receivers being

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mounted within a house (figure 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to mount the receivers to wall of the house for the purpose of rigidly fixing the monitor location.

Regarding claim 11, refer to claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 16, refer to claim 5 above.

Regarding claims 19-20, refer to claims 8-9 above.

3. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray et al. (US 5,086,290) in view of Davies (US 4,924,211) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Radomsky et al. (US 6,211,790).

Regarding claim 12, Murray et al., as modified, disclose everything claimed except for the transmitter being coupled to an identification band coupled to an associated infant. Radomsky et al. teach a transmitter (400) being coupled to an identification band (304) coupled to an associated infant (figure 11; col. 10, lines 10-30). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the transmitter of Murray et al., as modified, could have been used with an infant, as suggested by Radomsky et al. for the purpose of monitoring an infant.

Regarding claim 13, refer to claim 2 above.

Regarding claim 14, refer to claim 3 above.

***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed 10/10/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Davies et al. fail to teach the programmable memory for storing the unique reference code being capable of holding information regarding the location of the receiver. Examiner does not agree. Davies et al. teach each unit being disposed in a home and including an identification code arranged to define a local identification code for each individual receiver, see col. 5, lines 5-48.

***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2961. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30am-5:00pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tai T. Nguyen  
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March 1, 2005